



**HOLY TRINITY**  
**ANGLICAN CHURCH**

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**The Second Sunday of Christmas**

**January 5, 2025**

**Holy Communion**

# WELCOME

Welcome!

We're so glad you've joined us this morning. Whether you've been following Christ for years or are investigating the Christian faith for the first time you are welcome at Holy Trinity.

As an Anglican church our time together in worship is shaped by ancient liturgies accompanied by old hymns, new choruses and the preaching of God's word. On most Sunday mornings we share Holy Communion together, but on the final Sunday of each month we worship following the service of Morning Prayer. Our services come from the Anglican Church in North America's 2019 Book of Common Prayer. Everything you need to know for our service—like when to sit or stand, song lyrics, corporate prayers and readings can be found here in your bulletin.

Our nursery is open during the whole service for children up to 5 years old. There is a "Little Sanctuary" for nursing moms and young children in between the exit doors on the side closest to the nursery. Kids grades K-5 will be invited to their own time of bible teaching before the sermon. All leaders are vetted and trained folks who will love your kids well! Please make sure you have checked in your son or daughter at the check-in station near the young children's wing.

Want to know more about us? Please complete one of the welcome cards located on the large table in the Courtyard Lobby, or speak with a member of our clergy after worship. Thanks again for visiting with us this morning. I look forward to meeting you!

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Dr. John Yates III

# A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## WELCOME

### INTROIT

*Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor*

*Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.*

*Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldst have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*As with gladness, men of old*

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed;  
There to bend the knee before him whom heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasure bring, Christ! To thee, our heavenly King.**

**Holy Jesus! Every day keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.**

**In the heavenly country bright, need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing alleluias to our King.**

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Officiant:** Blessed be God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

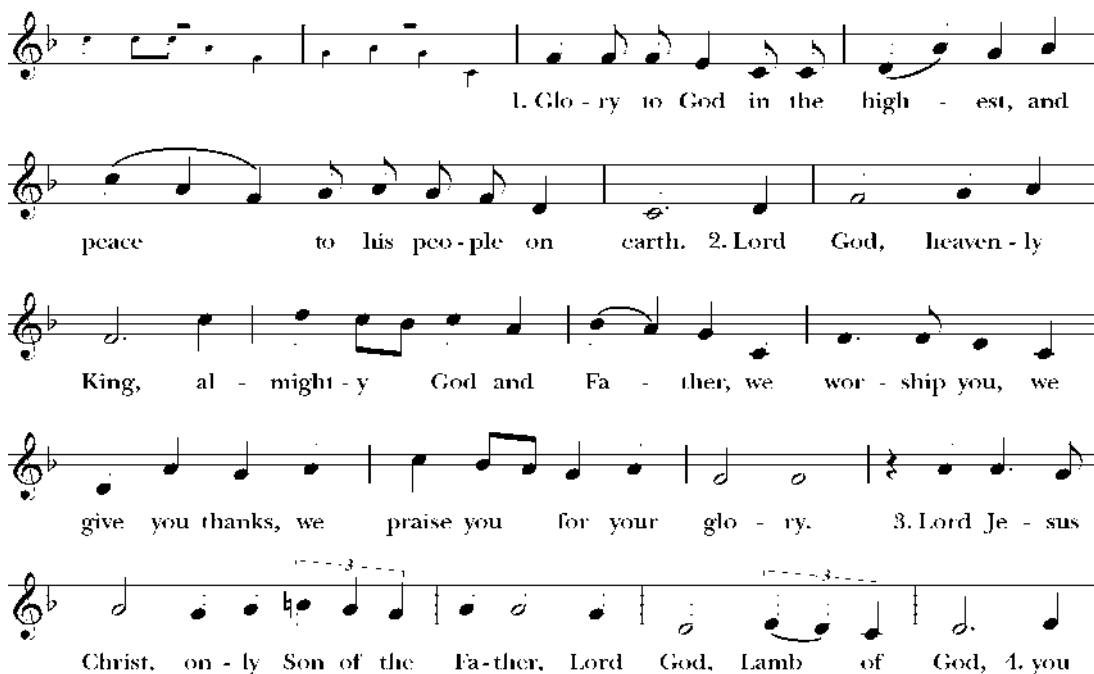
**People:** **And also with you.**

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *(prayed together)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE GLORIA *(sung by all)*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 1. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSON *(please sit)*

**The Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*Red Bible, page 658*

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### ***Children's Worship***

*Children grades K-5 are invited to join the teachers and follow the cross at the front of the sanctuary for their own time of kid's worship. They will return to the sanctuary during the announcements.*

## THE GOSPEL HYMN

*Living hope*

How great the chasm that lay between us,  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation, I turned to heaven,  
And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written:  
Jesus Christ my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven!  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,  
Jesus Christ my living hope!

*Chorus: Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain, There's salvation in Your name,  
Jesus Christ my living hope! (repeat chorus)*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me;

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Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me,  
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

*Chorus x 2*

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## THE GOSPEL

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 2:22-40

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

*Red Bible, page 857*

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. John W, Yates III*

## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(all are invited to sit or kneel)*

*Reader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For Steve, our Archbishop and Bishop, and Terrell, our Area Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**



Almighty and most merciful God, you have told us not to think of ourselves only, but to remember the needs of others. We pray for all in want or need, for all who have strayed from your way, for the sick in body or mind, for the poor and lonely, for those in distress and despair or any other adversity especially JP Archer; Denis Brickley; Larry Crumpler; Gay Eatman; Woody Eatman; Tish Hodges on the death of her husband, Chuck Hodges; Liz Holzner; Ann Johnson; Holland McPeake; Mary B. Raiford; Brittany Swanger; Ed Weems; Warren Williamson and Sally Whitt.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all those expecting the birth of a child, especially Donna Lynn and Justin Barfield; Erin and Jack Carson; Lane and William Dixon; Breanna and Micah Linn and Ida and Hunter Winstead.

We pray for our loved ones serving in the military, especially Jeb Baker, Samuel Bedor, Chase Duncan, Derek Eason and Brennan Hodges — keep them safe, enfold them with your protection and fill them with courage each day.

*Please add your own petitions or thanksgivings silently.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(Silent Confession)*

### **CONFESSION** *(said by all, kneeling)*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE OFFERTORY

*2 Corinthians 8:9*

Officiant: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,*  
Paul Manz

## PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND GIFTS (*Doxology*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below:  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*(The people remain standing.)*

Heavenly Father, we lift our hearts to you as we gather at your table. You are worthy at all times and in all places to receive glory, honor, thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord: For He is Your living Word from before time and for all ages; by Him you created all things, and by Him you make all things new.

When we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death you, in your tender mercy, gave Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, offered once and for all time, for the sins of the whole world. By His death He reconciled us to you, satisfying your just demands. By His rising to new life He has secured eternal deliverance for His people.

We thank You Father, that on the night before He died, Jesus took bread; and when He had given You thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After the meal, He took the cup, and again giving You thanks He gave it to His disciples, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the New Covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore Father, we thank You for these gifts of bread and wine. By the power of your Holy Spirit we pray that all who eat and drink them, believing our Savior's word, may share His body and blood. **Amen.**

*(please kneel)*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Friends, at just the right time, when we were weak and unable to help ourselves Christ Jesus died for the ungodly. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Jesus Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Receiving Communion: The ushers will guide your row either to the front of the church or to the rear via the center aisle. Please extend your hands to receive the wafer, which you will then dip in the chalice. Once you have received Holy Communion, please return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

*During Communion two prayer ministers will be available to pray with anyone who would like prayer for any reason. They will be stationed in the Prayer Corner, which is in the left transept.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Great are you, Lord*

**You give life; You are love. You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope; You restore every heart that is broken.  
And great are You, Lord!**

*Chorus: It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise, We pour out our praise,  
It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise to You only.*

**You give life; You are love. You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope; You restore every heart that is broken.  
And great are You, Lord! Chorus**

**And all the earth will shout Your praise,  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,  
Great are You, Lord! (Repeat)**

### **Chorus**

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*I'll not be shaken*

**For God alone, I wait in silence,  
My soul is still before the Lord.  
He is my rock and my salvation,  
My fortress strong, I trust in Him!**

*Chorus: I'll not be shaken, I'll not be shaken,  
For all my hope is in His love,  
From God alone comes my salvation,  
I'll wait and trust His steadfast love.*

Put not your hope in gain of riches,  
Seek not your rest in empty wealth.  
The rich are weak, the poor are mighty,  
Who turn to God alone for help. *Chorus*

Pour out your heart to God our refuge,  
And trust in Him to hear your cry  
No other hope will never fail you,  
No other love will not run dry *Chorus X 2*

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have  
given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Tell out my soul*

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy Name - the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and forever more.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the good news of Christ!  
**People:** Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

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*Immediately following the service we invite any who  
desire confidential prayer for any reason to come to the left transept area  
to pray with a member of our healing prayer team.*



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